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1. European patent publication no. 0 242 840. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 28 of the present application.
2. European patent publication no. 0 501 227. A set of English-language claims is included at pages 15-17 of the document.

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